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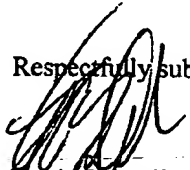
As explained in Arguments 1-3 above, at least some limitations of claims 9, 17 and 18, and therefore at least some limitations of claims 10-15, are not taught or suggested by the cited art. Furthermore, there is no teaching, suggestion or motivation to modify the cited art to teach the limitations of these claims. For at least the reasons set forth above, claims 9-16, 17, and 18 are patentably distinct over the cited art, and the rejection of Group II claims 9-16, 17, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is therefore asserted to be erroneous.

IX. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3, 5-15, 17, and 18 was erroneous, and reversal of the Examiner's decision is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s) to Daffer McDaniel, LLP deposit account 50-3268/5468-05300.

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